

TXI Riverside Cement and MDAQMD Dedicate School Athletic Field

On May 19, 2005, representatives from TXI Riverside Cement and the MDAQMD dedicated a new softball and soccer field to Oro Grande Elementary School, and unveiled a 17,000 pound limestone boulder and plaque naming the ball fields after Kenneth L. Larson, retiring Principal and Superintendent of the school.

The project represents a community effort involving numerous local and State organizations who joined forces to make the fields possible. Primary funding for the ball field's construction came from Notice of Violation settlement fees paid to the District. These Supplemental Environmental Project funds are used by the MDAQMD to implement environmental school and community projects within its jurisdiction.



Pictured left to right next to the limestone boulder and plaque are Frank Sheets of TXI Riverside Cement, Chuck Fryxell of the MDAQMD, Ken Larson, Principal and Superintendent of Oro Grande Elementary School, and 1st District Supervisor Bill Postmus.

Oro Grande students try out their new baseball and soccer fields during the dedication ceremony on May 19, 2005.



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AIR CREDIT BILL COULD HELP KEEP BUSINESSES IN CALIFORNIA

A bill to transfer emission reduction credits (ERCs) from one air district to another could help keep California businesses from moving out of state and into the High Desert.

Senate Bill 475, sponsored by Sen. George Runner, (R-Lancaster), would allow companies currently located in the Los Angeles basin, Orange County, Riverside County, and the San Bernardino Valley, to move to the High Desert without having to forfeit their air quality credits.

"Emission credits are like gold. They are rare and hard to come by," said Chuck Fryxell, APCO of the MDAQMD. "The only way you can generate them is if a business shuts its doors or seriously reduces its emissions."

There is a finite supply of ERCs in the state, which are meant to control the amount of pollutants businesses can release into the atmosphere. Any new industry coming into the area cannot exceed the limits established by the MDAQMD. Any business that has the potential to emit air pollutants is required to obtain a permit from the MDAQMD; in order to get a permit, the business must obtain air quality credits.

The High Desert is one of the last places in the state that has affordable housing and plenty of land for new businesses, but without the ability to transfer credits many businesses are forced to go outside of California, Runner said. "We think this is a good bill to keep jobs in California and keep people closer to where they work," he said.

According to Runner, the bill's intent is to keep industry in California. "Say you have a company that may be down the hill in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and they are planning on moving because of the costs of being down the hill, and they are looking to move out of state. One of the things that might be able to keep them in state is if they could move to the High Desert," Runner said.

What would keep them from moving to the High Desert would be the refusal by the SCAQMD to relinquish the company's share of ERCs. Because most of the High Desert's air pollution blows in from the South Coast Air Basin, Runner believes that credit transfers between the two air districts is an equitable compromise.



If the bill is passed, a joint study aimed at identifying methods for

generating or transferring additional ERCs for use in the Mojave Desert Air Basin must be submitted to the Legislature. "If there is no room to grow new emission credits, there is no way to grow new business," Fryxell said. "That is the quandary we are in." Senate Bill 475 would also allow the transfer of ERCs between the Antelope Valley AQMD and the SCAQMD.



Chuck Fryxell

Governing Board Chair A Proud Hybrid Owner

Practicing what he preaches, Paul Luellig (seated) shows off his new 2005 Toyota Prius Hybrid after the May Governing Board meeting at the District. According to Luellig, he is averaging about 45 miles to the gallon. He brought smiles to fellow board members as he jokingly stated that he "would like to explore the possibility of obtaining air credits" for his new purchase.



Pictured with Luellig left to right are Marshall Riley, Field Representative for 2nd District Supervisor Paul Biane; Chuck Fryxell, MDAQMD APCO; and Robert Leone, Board Representative for the Town of Yucca Valley.



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Ninth Annual Exemplar Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

The MDAQMD is now accepting nominations for its 2004/2005 Exemplar Awards, which recognize outstanding contributions to the prevention or control of air pollution in the Mojave Desert. This year, awards will be presented in several specific categories, such as "Innovative Transportation Projects."

Eligible candidates include local businesses, industries, schools, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to clean air through the development of voluntary air pollution prevention or control activities/projects within the District's boundaries. Education and community projects aimed at reducing air pollution are also eligible for recognition.

The Exemplar Awards will be presented in association with National Pollution Prevention Week, September 18 - 24. To be eligible for consideration, nominated entities must be located within the MDAQMD's jurisdictional boundaries, and nominated individuals must reside within the District.

Last year, six local entities were awarded the District's Exemplar Award. The National Training Center & Fort Irwin received a record sixth Exemplar Award for making significant enhancements to its multi-year dust mitigation program.

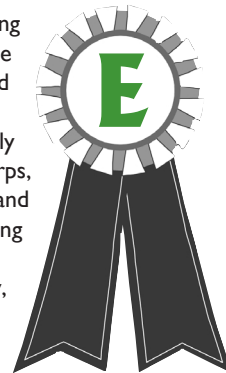
The High Desert Power Project/Constellation Energy received the MDAQMD's highest honor for constructing a clean-burning, natural gas-fired electric generating facility which has proved pivotal in helping California meet increased energy demands.

The Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow also received the award for implementing an innovative solar energy project for the purpose of powering a fleet of all-electric vehicles and providing security lighting to remote areas of the installation.

Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex was a recipient for installing the Ecovent Recirculator System, which removes 99% of oil mist and airborne particles associated with the operation of two diesel engine-operated powerhouses located at the facility.

Mitsubishi Cement Corporation joined the entourage of winners for voluntarily paving 81,913 feet of in-plant roads with concrete, while the U.S. Marine Corps, Maintenance Center, Barstow earned their award for a state-of-the-art paint and undercoat facility, which consolidated four existing uncontrolled painting operations under one roof.

Nominations must be postmarked or received at MDAQMD offices by Friday, August 19, 2005, no later than 5:00 p.m. To receive a Nomination Packet, or for more information, contact the MDAQMD's Community Relations and Education Office at (760) 245-1661, ext. 6104. The nomination packet is also available online at www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.



CDAWG CONFERENCE *A Smashing Success*

The California Desert Air Working Group's (CDAWG's) 2005 Conference reached new levels of success this year as it brought together representatives from seven air districts, the California Air Resources Board, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and regulated industry at the Pala Resort on April 20-22.

The conference's keynote speaker was Buck Johns, President of Inland Energy, Inc. Conference attendees were given a warm welcome by APCO Chuck Fryxell, while Fazle Rab Quadri, MDAQMD District Counsel, provided a legislative update. Alan De Salvio, Engineering Supervisor for the District also spoke on "Planning Issues for the Mojave Desert Air Basin," and Dave Long provided an update on behalf of the Cement Industry Environmental Consortium. A highlight of the program was a "State of the High Desert," presentation by Jon Roberts, City Manager for the City of Victorville.

Each year the CDAWG conference continues to grow, as attendance increases. Watch this spot for information on the 2006 CDAWG Conference!



Buck Johns of Inland Energy, Inc., speaks on "The Great Industrial Exodus from Southern California" during the CDAWG Conference.



Pictured left to right during the CDAWG reception are Anne McQueen of Geomatrix Consultants, Inc.; Tony Penna of the High Desert Power Project with his wife Terri; and Jon Boyer of the High Desert Power Project.

"Less Is More" for Essay Contest Winners

The City of Barstow and MEEC joined forces to sponsor an essay contest titled "Less Is More," which emphasized the importance of recycling. Over 200 essays were submitted in three categories: Grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. First place winners in each category received \$50, second place received \$25, and third place received \$15. The awards presentation was held at the Barstow Desert Discovery Center on February 1st. All winners were in attendance to receive their checks and certificates, and to read their essays for friends and family members. The presentation was followed by a tour of the Desert Discovery Center.

The following are two of the winning essays:

Torri Fullenwider - Columbia Middle School - First Place

I'm going to be talking about recycling glass. Many Americans throw enough glass, bottles, and jars away every two weeks to fill the 1,350-foot towers of the World Trade Center. Most of the bottles and jars contain at least 25% recycled glass. Glass never wears out. It can be recycled for a lifetime. The recycling center has saved over a ton of resources for every ton of glass recycled. 1,330 pounds of sand, 433 pounds of soda ash, 433 pounds of limestone, and feldspar.

A ton of glass producing raw materials creates 384 pounds of mining waste, which 50% of recycled glass cuts it by about 75%. The recycling center gets 27.8 pounds of air pollution for every ton of new glass produced. Recycled glass reduces pollution by 14-20%. Glass makes up about 8% of American garbage. About 75% of America's glass is used for packaging. America can save six pounds of glass each month.

All beverage bottles are returnable today. Everyday, Americans recycle about 13 million jars, glass, and bottles. States with bottle deposits laws have 35-40% less litter by volume. Americans recycled enough glass last year to fill New Jersey's Giant's Stadium more than 3.5 times. Glass recycled in 1994 would fill 103, 333 tractor-trailers bumper to bumper. They would stretch from Dallas to Los Angeles. If glass bottles and jars collected through recycling in the U.S. in 1993, they would have reached the moon and half way back to earth.



Belinda Barbour, left, of the City of Barstow, provides essay contest details to award presentation attendees and to presenters - including Paul Luellig, MDAQMD Chair and Barstow Councilman - (second from left) at the Barstow Desert Discovery Center on February 1st.

Andrea Martinez - Grade 5 - Barstow Intermediate School - First Place

Too many people are wasting natural resources. People are wasting water by taking long showers. A shower should only last ten or fifteen minutes, instead of twenty or thirty minutes. Another way people waste water is by not putting a full load of laundry to wash. People also waste water by letting their water run all night because they forget to turn off their sprinklers. If people set a timer for their sprinklers, this wouldn't happen.

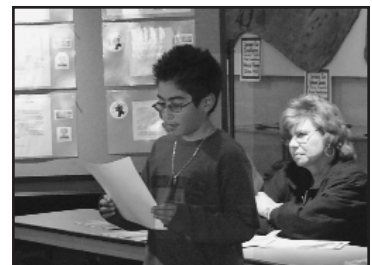
Another natural resource that is wasted is gasoline. Many people drive big trucks and SUV's. If people used smaller cars, more gasoline would be conserved. Also, if more people would carpool to work, less gasoline would be wasted. Using quads, dirt bikes, jet skis, boats, and motorcycles too much also wastes gasoline. People could find other forms of entertainment that don't use gasoline like swimming or hiking.

Lastly, people waste paper like it is going out of style. There is not enough paper being recycled and because of this, more forests are being chopped down. People waste paper by drying their hands with paper towels. When people are at home they could dry their hands with a clean dishtowel to cut down on waste.

Natural resources like water, gasoline, and paper need to be conserved so that we still have them in the future. If people changed their lifestyles just a tiny bit, we would not have to worry so much. Less is more and that is how everyone should be thinking.



Alvaro Vargas of Columbia Middle School reads his essay while Gloria Darling, Mayor Pro Tem and Barstow Councilmember looks on.



STUDENTS WRITE ABOUT "A WORLD WITHOUT ELECTRICITY"

The High Desert Power Project and MEEC joined forces to help students understand the importance of energy through an essay contest held in April. The topic of the contest was "Energy Unplugged: A World Without Electricity." Over 200 essays were submitted in four categories: Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Each 1st place recipient received \$50, 2nd place received \$25, and 3rd place received \$15, plus a Certificate of Achievement. All 12 winners read their essays during the presentation held at the power plant on May 3rd, and were then treated to a tour of the plant for their friends and families.

The following are three of the winning essays:

Ryan Alipio - Grade 12 - Victor Valley High School - First Place

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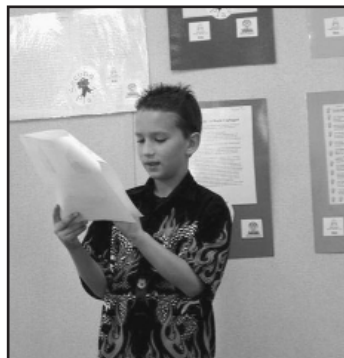
Electricity has given mankind the power to improve the quality of life for all, for over hundreds of years. Electricity also serves as the backbone of life and existence in contemporary society. Without electricity, mankind would not have been capable to industrialize during the Industrial Revolutions of Europe and the United States in the 1800s. Without electricity, the Technological Revolution of the 1900s would not have taken place. Without electricity, mankind would still be living in the age of Enlightenment, where the primary source of light was solely the sun and candlesticks.

Without electricity however, the destruction of the Ozone and "global warming" would not have occurred to the extent that it has today. Moreover, due to the breakthrough technological research, backed by electricity, I believe mankind can also find ways to mend our broken environment. Until researchers find us a solution, we must find ways to conserve energy before electricity ends up on the "endangered species list."

To prevent another energy crisis, we must educate, we must be alert, and we must inform others about the importance of conservation because; Energy is life - Electricity is vivacity - Electricity is existence, and without existence, there is no life.



Tony Penna of the High Desert Power Project presents Sophia Nunez with a check and certificate for her award-winning essay on May 3rd.



Matthew Pechecek reads his essay for attendees during the essay contest presentation at the High Desert Power Project.

Jessica Beecham - Grade 2 - First Place

Energy is an important part of our daily lives. We need electricity for many things like lights, blow dryers, fans, heaters, and microwaves. Our lives would be hard without electricity because it would be dark and you might get hurt. You would have to cook and eat your dinner when the sun was still out. If you didn't you wouldn't see what you were doing. We should save electricity by turning off the T.V. when you're not watching it. I feel that saving electricity is a valuable thing to do.

Itzel Orozco - First Place

One day I woke up, opened my eyes and everything was dark. I tried to find my way to the light switch, but when I got there and turned it on, nothing happened. I was frightened because I called my mom, she said, "All the lights in the city wouldn't turn on either." Everything in the city was dark even though it was morning, because the sun wasn't even out yet.

Then I thought, without electricity we wouldn't have some things that we have now like a T.V., radio, light, and a lot of other things. Instead of trying to find my way into my mom's room to ask what happened, I slept.

After awhile when I was sleeping, I was imagining that we always lived without electricity and it was always dark. Finally, I woke up and my mother and father told me that the lights work. I was worried if we were going to have to live without electricity forever. My mom and dad said, "What?" at the same time and stared at me, and I said, "Never mind. It's a long story." We stared at each other and we laughed until the sun came up. I still made it to school on time. We had an essay to write about what happened about the electricity and what we would do to get to school on time. My friends and I got an A+ paper and read our essays to the classroom.

LUNG ASSOCIATION BESTOWS TOP HONOR ON DISTRICT

On May 18, the Inland Counties Chapter of the American Lung Association presented its Clean Air Award to the MDAQMD for becoming the first public agency in the High Desert to install and operate a photovoltaic solar power system, and for educating the community about the environmental benefits of solar power. The award was presented during a ceremony in San Bernardino that featured Senator Nell Soto (D-Pomona) as the keynote speaker.

The MDAQMD's net-metering solar system has been fulfilling more than 45% of the District's energy needs since July of 2004. By using the sun to create its own energy, the MDAQMD is helping to spare the environment of an estimated 163,158 lbs. of carbon dioxide - a greenhouse gas - per year, and 52 lbs. of nitrogen oxides, a primary component of ozone.

The MDAQMD's rooftop solar system generates sufficient energy to power 18 homes, while providing a reliable and economically sound source of renewable energy for the District. Since installing the system last summer, the MDAQMD has saved more than \$10,000 on its electric bills, compared to last year during the same period.

In an effort to educate the community about the environmental benefits of solar power, the MDAQMD launched its onsite Clean Power Education Center in September of 2004. The center features a working model of the District's building powered by miniature solar panels, plus a kiosk featuring real-time data which quantifies the amount of energy being produced, and pollutants being reduced via the solar system. Field trips to the center are now being offered to local schools, as are tours for interested members of the business community. Future plans for the Center call for the installation of displays spotlighting other renewable energy sources, such as wind and hydroelectric power.



Chuck Fryxell, APCO for the MDAQMD (left) and Paul Luellig, Chair of the MDAQMD's Board, discuss the District's award-winning solar power system during the ALA Awards luncheon.



Pictured left to right during the ALA Awards presentation are Sid Robinson, Board member of ALA-Inland Counties; Sam Oktay, Air Quality Engineer for the MDAQMD; Violette Roberts, MDAQMD CRE Manager; Chuck Fryxell, MDAQMD APCO; and Patrick Kudell, Director for ALA-Inland Counties.

2005 AWARD OF DISTINCTION WINNERS

Each May, the MDAQMD recognizes various employees for excellence in public service by presenting them with the Award of Distinction. This year, the District recognized three employees during the May Governing Board meeting.

Pictured with APCO Chuck Fryxell (far left) are this year's recipients (left to right): Sam Oktay, Air Quality Engineer; Michelle

Powell, Fiscal Analysis Clerk; and Roseana Navarro-Brasington, Transportation Program Coordinator. Paul Luellig, MDAQMD Governing Board Chair, is also pictured (far right).



MDAQMD PLACES 3RD IN STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION

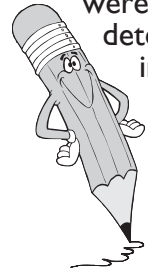
The MDAQMD has been named an Award of Merit winner in the California Association of Public Information Official's (CAPIO) 2005 communications competition.

The MDAQMD was awarded third place in the Special Innovation category for "Working Together...We Are the Solution to Pollution," a children's activity book developed by MDAQMD Community Relations & Education (CRE) Specialist Cynnthia Baker for the Mojave Environmental Education Consortium (MEEC). MEEC is a public-private partnership sponsored by 30 local businesses and organizations, which links local teachers with quality environmental education resources, free of charge.

CAPIO - an affiliate of the League of California Cities - received nearly 100 entries from government, non-profit, educational and private agencies statewide. Three winners were named in nine distinct program categories, as determined by a panel of judges with broad expertise in communications, marketing and public relations. The awards were presented as part of CAPIO's annual training conference held in Napa, California from April 13-15.



Pictured left to right after the CAPIO awards presentation are: Cynnthia Baker of the MDAQMD, APCO Chuck Fryxell, and Violette Roberts, CRE Manager.



District Recognizes Outstanding Environmental Science Fair Projects

Between February and May, MDAQMD staff and members of MEEC judged more than 1,000 science fair projects, and awarded the "Outstanding Environmental Science Fair Project" award to students participating in approximately 20 events District-wide. Each school fair winner received a \$50 savings bond, courtesy of the Mojave Desert Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association, while district level winners received \$100 savings bonds. On March 12th, the MDAQMD also manned an outreach booth at the regional High Desert Science Fair held at Hesperia High School.



Tony Malone of the MDAQMD poses with third grade science fair winner, Jennifer Pennington, of Mesquite Elementary in Apple Valley on March 1st. Jennifer's project explored the effects of watering plants with detergent-laden water, on their growth.

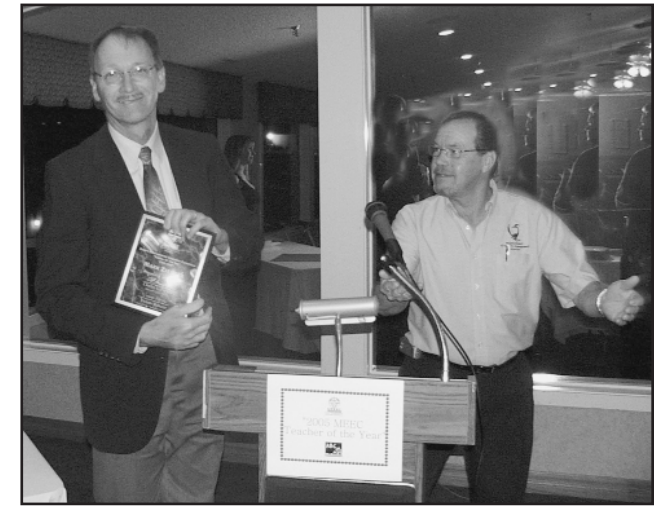


MEEC Presents Inaugural "Teacher of the Year" Awards

It was a beautiful evening at the "Top of the Lakes" restaurant in Silver Lakes, as MEEC honored three outstanding teachers for promoting environmental education in the classroom. On April 26, 2005, Mark Ziesmer of Sultana High School was named "MEEC Teacher of the Year," while Cyndy Mandell of Topaz Elementary and Barbara Ward-Lawe of Desert Trails High School were both named "Teachers of Excellence." MEEC sponsors - as well as friends and families of the winners - were in attendance to partake in the festivities. In addition to receiving commemorative plaques, Mandell and Ward-Lawe also received \$100 each, while Ziesmer received \$300, plus a palm pilot donated by Staples.



Pictured left to right during the MEEC Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet are: Barbara Ward-Lawe, Desert Trails High School; Mark Ziesmer, Sultana High School; and Cyndy Mandell, Topaz Elementary.



APCO Chuck Fryxell enthusiastically presents Mark Ziesmer with his MEEC Teacher of the Year plaque.

HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT WORKSHOP ENERGIZES TEACHERS

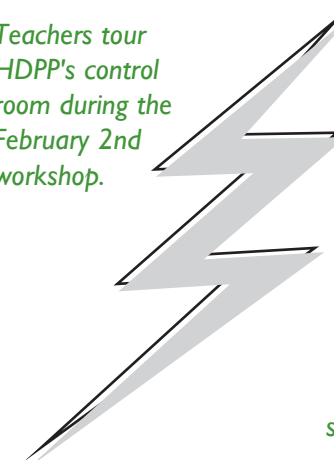
On February 2, 2005, educators from throughout the High Desert learned about the generation of electricity, followed by a fascinating tour of the High Desert Power Project (HDPP), California's newest power plant. The workshop was presented by Tony Penna, Plant Engineer/Environmental Manager and Victor Barron, Operations & Maintenance Technician. This workshop was truly electrifying!



Teachers tour HDPP's control room during the February 2nd workshop.



Participants learn about the power plant's state-of-the-art environmental protection efforts during the HDPP Teacher Workshop.



"ENVIRO BUS BUCK" FIELD TRIPS A HIT WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

The success of the "Enviro Bus Buck" field trip program has local teachers begging for more! In the 2004-2005 school year, MEEC funded a total of seven field trips. As a result of the program - which provides funding for school bus trips to sites which emphasize environmental education - students have found themselves witnessing revegetation efforts at the Mitsubishi Cement Plant, and learning how all people are interrelated at the Barstow Desert Discovery Center. The High Desert Power Project also opened its doors to some 150 students from Pinon Mesa Middle School on May 31st, as part of the Enviro Bus Buck program. More grants will be available in the coming school year.



Fourth grade students from George School learn about the earth's layers during a field trip to Barstow Desert Discovery Center on January 27th.



Sixth grade students from Pinon Mesa Middle School watch in amazement as the High Desert Power Project operates at full capacity.

Scott Lasley, of Silver Sage Nursery & consultant for Mitsubishi Cement, explains habitat reclamation to Apple Valley High School students during the Mitsubishi Cement field trip on February 11th.



TEACHERS LEARN ABOUT GREENHOUSE GAS

On May 10th and 12th, local educators learned about "Greenhouse Gas and Essential Chemical Compounds" during a MEEC-sponsored teacher workshop held at the MDAQMD. Teachers participated in lectures and hands-on experiments that explored the properties of carbon dioxide. Dave Long of the Cement Industry Environmental Consortium and Dinah Shumway of Women In Mining presented the workshop.



Dave Long of the Cement Industry Environmental Consortium explains the effects of greenhouse gases to workshop participants.

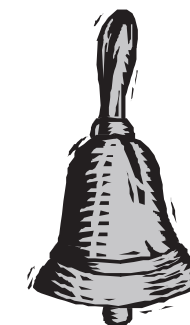
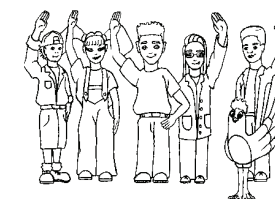


Dinah Shumway (far left) of Women In Mining explains to attendees how CO₂ is an essential part of both biologic and geologic forces on earth.

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4. Posters must be drawn free-hand; no tracing or pre-fabricated drawings will be accepted.
5. INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AGE & TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER. (Information must be legible. If info is not included, poster will be disqualified.)
6. All entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, originality and relevance to contest theme.
7. All entries become the property of MDAQMD, and judges' decision is final.
8. Contest winners will be invited to an awards ceremony in September, and asked to appear in promotional photographs associated with the contest.



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2005 CLEAN AIR FAIR - ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY

May 7th was the date of the 9th annual Clean Air Fair, which was held at Victor Valley College's lower campus gym from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Hundreds of patrons perused 40 - plus exhibitor booths, ranging from displays from Mitsubishi Cement and High Desert Power Project, to the outside Alternative Fuel Vehicle display, which featured vehicles from Valley-Hi Toyota, the City of Barstow and VVTA.

Performers included the "Mad Science" troupe, which entertained kids of all ages with their interactive science booth and show. The weather was kind, which allowed for fun in the sun with kite flying sponsored by the American Lung Association. Additionally, Clear Channel Radio was on the scene with a live radio remote by The Fox 106.5.

The goal of the Clean Air Fair is to inspire High Desert residents to take an active part in protecting air quality and the environment at large. This year's event was co-sponsored by The Fox 106.5, the Mojave Environmental Education Consortium, Searles Valley Minerals, The Gas Company, Cemex, Daily Press, Molycorp, Inland Energy, Inc., TXI Riverside Cement, High Desert Power Project, Mitsubishi Cement Corp., OMYA (California) Inc., Victor Valley College, AgCon Inc., Elementis Specialties, Hi-Grade Materials Co., IMC Chemicals, Molded Fiberglass Co./West, Cement Industry Environmental Consortium, and Brubaker-Mann Inc.

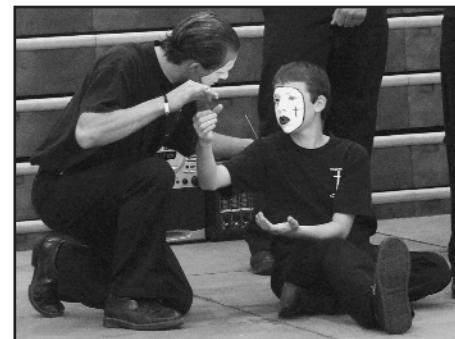
Mark your calendar NOW for the 10th Clean Air Fair on May 6, 2006!



Patti Deer of the MDAQMD helps man the Air & Waste Management Association's booth during the Clean Air Fair.



The 9th Clean Air Fair was the place to be on May 7th! Patrons boosted their environmental awareness while enjoying entertainment and taking part in interactive learning activities.



The Christ In Action mime troupe was a hit with fair patrons again this year.

"Shootin' The Breeze"



Kaden Michael Simpson

Baby Makes Four for the Simpsons

MDAQMD Receptionist Robyn Simpson and her husband Shane gave birth to their second son Kaden Michael on March 28, 2005! He weighed in at 5lbs, 14oz and was 18 3/4" long. Everyone is doing great, and Kaden's four year-old big brother Kaige is as proud as mommy and daddy!



Aaron James De Salvio

Another Boy for the De Salvio Family

Engineering Supervisor Alan De Salvio and his wife Kathryn welcomed their second son, Aaron James, on February 12, 2005. Aaron weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 3/4 inches. Aaron's three year-old big brother Adam has taken on his new responsibility with pride and excitement.

New MEEC Coordinator A Welcome Addition

In February, Susie Myrick was named Coordinator of MEEC, the environmental education program operated under the umbrella of the District. Susie has worked for over 30 years in private industry primarily in the area of training, customer service, marketing, and sales. Most recently, Susie enjoyed educating clients and medical staff in the health insurance field while working as a Senior Field Sales Representative for Blue Shield of California.

Susie has lived in the High Desert for over 13 years and particularly enjoys the area's clean air and sunny skies. She has been a long time advocate of environmental issues and has promoted recycling projects in her community. Susie also enjoys being part of the pit crew at her 12-year old son's NASCAR races in San Bernardino. Susie may be contacted by calling (760) 245-1661 x6159.

Susie Myrick, MEEC Coordinator



MEEC Corner



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If you are an educator or a business representative who would like to know more about the MEEC program, please call the Community Relations and Education Office of the Mojave Desert AQMD at:

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AFG Industries Glass Workshop - A 'Clear' Success

AFG Industries and MEEC hosted their second joint workshop at the glass manufacturing facility on March 9, 2005. A record 50-plus educators learned about glass and minerals from AFG Environmental Engineer Patrick Carnie and Dinah Shumway of Women In Mining. A tour of the glass plant was a highlight of the event. The workshop topic was "Magic With Sand," an offshoot of a book of the same title written for AFG Industries by Billy M. Jones.



Patrick Carnie explains the environmental impacts and mitigations of glass manufacturing to local educators.

HI-DEPPA EDUCATOR OUTREACH



MEEC Coordinator Susie Myrick (left) and Pat Byrd of the American Lung Association participated in the Hi-DEPPA teacher outreach event held at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds on March 23, 2005. Over 1,500 educators from throughout the High Desert attended the annual event.